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Letter dated 21 December 1995 from the Permanent Representatives of Cambodia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you herewith the press release issued on 10 December 1995 at the conclusion of the State visit by His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman, King of Cambodia, and Her Majesty Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk to the Lao People's Democratic Republic from 7 to 10 December 1995.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and of the press release circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 60, and of the Security Council.

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1. At the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Nouhak Phoumsavanh, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Madame Phoumsavanh, His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman, King of Cambodia, and Her Majesty Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk conducted, from 7 to 10 December 1995, a State visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

2. His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman, Her Majesty the Queen and the high-level delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia were welcomed at Wattay airport by His Excellency Mr. Nouhak Phoumsavanh and Madame Phoumsavanh, the members of the Permanent Committee of the National Assembly, the members of the Government, senior army and police officers, officials and representatives of the population of the capital, Vientiane.

3. His Excellency the President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Madame Phoumsavanh offered a State banquet at the hotel of the National Assembly in honour of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen of Cambodia.

4. His Excellency Mr. Nouhak Phoumsavanh, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Madame Phoumsavanh had a discussion with His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman and Her Majesty Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk, in the course of which they expressed their profound satisfaction at having the great honour of welcoming His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman, King of Cambodia, a close and respected friend of the Lao People, and Her Majesty the Queen, as well as the high-level Cambodian delegates.

During this discussion, which took place in a cordial and fraternal atmosphere, the two heads of State unanimously noted that, following the State visit conducted to the Kingdom of Cambodia by His Excellency Mr. Nouhak Phoumsavanh and Madame Phoumsavanh in June 1995, the long-standing relationships of traditional friendship existing between the Lao and Cambodian peoples, as well as cooperation between the two countries, had been expanded and strengthened in a number of areas.

On the present occasion, the two Heads of State welcome the results of the work accomplished by the Lao-Cambodian and Cambodia-Lao joint cooperation commissions, thus encouraging the exchange of delegations at various levels and giving new impetus to cooperation between the two countries in the areas of agriculture and forests, culture and sport. They take pleasure in the adoption by the two countries' joint border commissions of the principles and procedures for a technical settlement of the border in conformity with their common will.

In this discussion, the two Heads of State expressed their pride at noting that the good-neighbourly relations which have existed throughout history

between the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Cambodia are fraternal, candid and sincere, and full of a spirit of mutual assistance.

The two Heads of State firmly underlined that the maintenance and development of relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries advance the interests of the two peoples, thus contributing to the cause of peace, stability and cooperation in this region and in the world.

On the occasion of this visit, His Excellency Mr. Nouhak Phoumsavanh expressed his great satisfaction at and high opinion of the assiduous and tireless efforts of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman, father of the Cambodian nation, aimed at securing national reconciliation in Cambodia and at promoting the well-being of the people and the progress and prosperity of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman warmly welcomed the achievements and the ongoing and substantial progress attained in the area of national construction and building of socialism in the Lao People's Democratic Republic under the wise leadership of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party.

5. His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman and Her Majesty the Queen of Cambodia received in audience at the Hô Khum palace His Excellency Mr. Khamtuy Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Madame Siphandone, who subsequently accompanied them on a pilgrimage to Phra That Luang in Vientiane. On that occasion, their Majesties offered the venerable President of the Union of Lao Buddhists a statue of the Buddha designed to be preciously conserved in a pagoda for veneration by the Lao people.

6. His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman and Her Majesty the Queen also received in audience at the Hô Khum palace His Excellency Mr. Samane Vignaket, Speaker of the National Assembly, and Madame Vignaket.

Their Majesties also successively received in audience the members of the Lao-Cambodian Friendship Association, which is led by the President of the Association, to the Khmer nationals living in the Lao People's Democratic Republic and to members of the family of the late Mom Munivanh.

7. During their stay in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman and Her Majesty the Queen, as well as the members of the high-level Cambodian delegation, laid a floral tribute on the Monument of the Unknown Soldier, and visited historic sites, handicraft workshops and a number of cultural parks in Vientiane and Luang Prabang.

8. The two High Parties expressed their satisfaction at the emergence of a trend towards peace, stability, friendship and cooperation between the nations of south-east Asia. They reaffirmed their will to promote and expand their good-neighbourly relations and to cooperate with all countries of the region on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence.

9. The two heads of State welcome the signature by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Kingdom of Cambodia of the Treaty of Friendship and Mutual Assistance, which augurs well for the present historic visit.

10. The two High Parties greatly appreciated the present State visit conducted by His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman and Her Majesty the Queen to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and described it as a great event of historic scope, marking the ongoing development of the traditional relations of friendship and good cooperation between the two Lao and Cambodian peoples and nations.

11. His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman, King of Cambodia, and Her Majesty the Queen expressed to His Excellency Mr. Nouhak Phoumsavanh, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Madame Phoumsavanh, and to the Government and the heroic Lao people, their deep feelings of gratitude and affection for having maintained throughout this State visit a warm, ceremonious, lavish and unforgettable welcome bearing witness to the great friendship and generous hospitality towards them, as well as towards the high-level Cambodian delegation.

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